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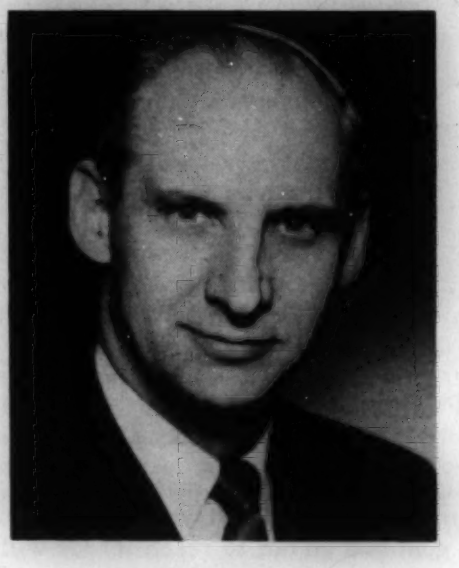

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ON FEBRUARY 11-12 MALLORY AVENUE CHURCH IN PORTLAND IS HOST TO THE—

Oregon Assembly

"The Church Meets The Challenge" will be the theme for the OREGON ASSEMBLY, February 11 and 12, at the Mallory Avenue Christian Church in Portland. Ira A. Paternoster, executive secretary, Department of Resources of the United Christian Missionary Society, will bring the opening address on Thursday evening, speaking on the subject, "Spiritual Imperatives for the Decade of Decision."

Mr. Paternoster serves as liaison between our churches and some 2800 missionary employees and has ably interpreted the program of the United Society to the churches since joining the UCMS staff in 1952.

Mr. Lewis H. Deer also will represent the staff of the United Christian Missionary Society. He is director of social education and intercultural relations. Outstanding in Mr. Deer's contributions to our churches was a survey which he conducted in 1955 on interracial integration in churches of the Disciples of Christ in Canada and the United States.

We are fortunate that Mrs. Aigi (Kiyo) Kamikawa can be with us for the assembly this year and bring two messages from her experience as missionary to Japan. She and her husband were the first two American-born missionaries of Japanese ancestry to be accepted as candidates by any mission board. Mrs. Kamikawa was born at Hood River, Oregon, and attended Northwest Christian College in Eugene. She and her husband were commissioned as missionaries to Japan in 1949.

An outstanding feature of the assembly this year will be a drama presented by the First Christian Church of Salem on Thursday evening entitled, "The Brotherhood in Retrospect."

The Assembly will begin on Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. with Clifford Trout presiding. Sessions will resume at 9:30 A.M. Friday morning with a worship service to be conducted by the Cedar Hills Christian Church. Three morning "Sharathons" will be held as follows: "Decade of Decision," led by Elby Boosinger; "World Outreach," led by Ola Smith; and "Social Action," led by Mrs. Effie Ritchey. The Friday-morning session will conclude with a message by Kiyo Kamikawa. The sharathons will resume Friday afternoon, followed by a sharing period and a message from Lewis Deer.

The banquet Friday evening will be held in the Mallory church, Harold Glen Brown presiding. Kiyo Kamikawa will speak on "Japan." Mrs. C. C. Smith will preside at the concluding session, at which time Ira Paternoster will again speak on "The Decade and its Challenges."

The Assembly will conclude Friday evening with a communion service with the host pastor, Clifford Trout, in charge.

The Oregon Assembly promises to be a mountain-top experience this year under the sponsorship of the World Outreach Commission of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society. Mrs. C. C. Smith is chairman of the commission. Commission members have planned well and worked hard to make this Assembly a worthwhile experience that will be remembered for its inspiration and valued for its rich fellowship of Christian people with a common concern.

Wayne Bryant, Reporter

APPRAISAL AND FORECAST—

Will Oregon Meet its Giving Goals in the 60's?

	Total Christian Churches	Churches giving thru Unified Promotion
Membership	1,921,899	1,251,020
Per member giving for local expense	$34.64	$52.64
Per member giving for all outreach causes	$6.35	$ 8.91

The above chart, based on the 1958 Year Book and the National Council's new statistics on church finances, shows what participation in the constant teaching on stewardship and outreach carried on through Unified Promotion can mean to the local church. There are some things in this chart to make us stop and ponder. We note, for instance, that while our churches gave $52.64 for themselves on an average, they gave only $8.91 for others. In the Decade of Decision one of the goals of the ten-year period is to be giving as much for others as for ourselves.

This is the Year of Appraisal and Forecast. Why don't you look back over the last period of ten years from 1950 to 1959 and see how much your church has spent each year for yourselves per capita and how much for outreach. Then on that basis, begin to figure how you may increase your outreaching giving each year so as to reach the national goal that we have set for ourselves. Such a goal truly represents the Christian spirit in carrying out the Great Commission, thinking of others as well as of ourselves.

An interesting thing about these figures is that if a family of three gave only $8.91 per capita, they are not giving much more for the redemption of the world than they are spending for a daily newspaper (including the Sunday edition) for one year. Just how serious are we about this business of preaching Christ and carrying out His purpose in this world?

Recently Sherman Moore on behalf of the Evangelism Commission sent out a letter suggesting some goals to churches to share in this year's New Church program as capital fund giving. He used as a basis for those suggestions $1.00 per resident member. For a long time we have been stating we wanted new churches in Oregon, but have you ever stopped to think who is going to pay for them? If we want them, we must all get under the load and help lift it. The establishing of new churches and advanced program in the state of Oregon isn't somebody else's job to do — **it is yours.**

As you begin to appraise yourselves and your own budget and program in the light of these national statistics we have quoted above, we trust you will make your decision to step forward in faith for Christ.

April Retreat for Pastors Set at Menucha

The Commission on the Ministry of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society is planning a Pastor's Conference, to be hel dat Menucha, near Portland, April 18, 19 and 20, 1960. The purpose of this retreat is to provide for the pastors of our churches a period of physical relaxation, spiritual uplift, and mental stimulation. Since it follows immediately upon Easter, the conference has been planned to meet these particular needs.

Guest leaders will be Dr. John McCaw of Drake Divinity School and Mr. John Boosinger, of Northwest Christian College. The discussions which they will lead will center on current theological trends and ecumenical developments. Workshops during the conference will deal with problems in the minister's own life and in the work of the Church.

Total cost for the Conference will be $10.00, which will include board, room, and registration fee. Registration blanks will be mailed to the ministers of the state well in advance of the deadline.

Right now you are making some very grave decisions. Will your church accept a goal and go out to reach it? Or will you deny it or ignore it and thereby signify you prefer Oregon to stay static and not meet our opportunities in this growing state?

THE DECISION IS YOURS!

Charles H. Addleman

NEW CHURCH BUILDING at Myrtle Point is complete on the outside; the roof is on and three coats of paint have been applied. It will have eight classrooms upstairs in the education building and three in the part beside the sanctuary. The Bible School will accommodate 200 and the sanctuary will seat 150. "It is going to be the nicest building in Myrtle Point," says Glen Hutton, minister.

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SPEAKERS at Medford's seventy-fifth anniversary: back row, left to right, Glenn McKerrow, assistant pastor at Medford; Aldis Webb of Tillamook; Ward Rice of NCC; William C. Piper, minister at Medford; front row, Rev. D. E. Millard of Eagle Point; William Patterson of Turner Memorial Home; and William Baird, minister at Modesto, California.

Medford Church Celebrates 75th Anniversary

The First Christian Church of Medford, first Protestant church to be established in Medford, celebrated its 75th anniversary on November 22. Rev. Aldis Webb of Tillamook and William Baird of Modesto, California, spoke at the morning service.

Aldis Webb, son of George L. Webb, one of the church founders, told of his childhood days in Medford and recalled the first public water system, sewer system, and the coming of electric lights. His father was the Wells-Fargo agent.

Rev. Baird, who was minister at Medford from 1930 to 1936, spoke of some of the church's accomplishments at that time. There was a men's class with an average attendance of 75, which worked for the betterment of the community. His personal impression of Medford now is that the town has progressed but its church buildings have not.

At the dinner Mayor John Snider told of his days as a youngster in the church. Cecil Hiser, minister of the church of the Brethren, extended congratulations from the Medford Ministerial Association. The birthday cake was cut by Aldis Webb and Elmer Patterson, who was minister in 1902 and 1903.

During the afternoon program Elmer Patterson and D. E. Millard gave their reminiscences. Letters were read from Governor and Mrs. Mark Hatfield, Mrs. S. S. Smith, Delbert Troxell and family (missionaries in Japan), as well as from other former members.

Prof. Ward Rice of Northwest Christian College, who was minister in 1943-44, gave a toast to the church, "Hats off to the Past and Coats off to the Future." Miss Marilyn Conner and Jim Osborn spoke on behalf of the youth groups.

Mrs. Lester Childs, Mrs. George Eads, and Mrs. Susan Eads were introduced and presented corsages. They all joined the Medford church in 1902.

More than three hundred people signed the guest book for the occasion and saw the church-history displays, compiled by Mrs. Elmer Gott and committee.

Marjorie Peterson, reporter

News and Picture

DEADLINE

JANUARY 15

DATES TO LOOK FORWARD TO

1. **A series of Christian Action Workshops will be held the week following the Oregon Assembly February 14-19.** Lewis Deer, national director of Social Education and Intercultural Relations, United Christian Missionary Society, guest leader. This series is set up under the direction of the state Christian Action Commission, Mrs. Frank Ritchey, chairman.
2. **February 19-21, Men's Retreat to be held at Crestview, near Portland.** Guest speaker will be Mark Rutherford, Department of Men's Work, United Society. Ralph Warren, Kern Park; Frank Tosch, Forest Grove; and Jim Baker, Hood River Valley, are the committee working out program details.

Lynchwood Church Project

The following churches have reported commitments toward the fund being raised for the Lynchwood church project:

PLEDGES TO DATE:	
Eastside, Albany	$ 50.00
Nyssa	120.00
Lebanon	850.00
Winston	25.00
Southgate, Portland	50.00
First, Portland	2000.00
(plus $1100.00 pastoral support)	
Cedar Hills	75.00
Hood River, First	100.00
Roseburg, Westside	175.00
Englewood, Portland	150.00
PAID TO DATE:	
Southgate, Portland	10.00
Perrydale	50.00
Milton-Freewater	50.00
Englewood	10.26

Other churches have indicated commitments will be made later in connection with next year's budgets. Since we have Unified Promotion approval to raise this money over and above our regular Unified Promotion giving within the current missionary year, it is imperative that every church act upon this matter before June 30, 1960.

Steps are being taken toward activating a congregation in the Lynchwood area between Portland and Gresham. A committee of members of several of the Portland churches has been formed to assist in this matter. Names of Christian Church members living in the area are being assembled and a series of fellowship meetings is planned, the first to be held sometime in February.

It is hoped that by July 1, 1960, a place will be found where regular Sunday services can be held. At this time it is the plan of the New Church Development committee that a minister will be employed.

MORTGAGE BURNING at Mallory Avenue Christian Church: left to right, Leslie Webb, chairman of the board; Clarence P. Smith, chairman of the elders whose name as a trustee was on the mortgage and holds the burning mortgage; Hubert E. Sias, guest speaker and former pastor; Charles H. Addleman, State Secretary, who brought greetings and congratulations; Clifford N. Trout, present pastor; Elmer Calef, treasurer and a trustee whose name appeared on the mortgage, who also struck the match.

MALLORY AVENUE CHURCH BURNS MORTGAGE

On Sunnday, November 1, Mallory Avenue Christian Church in Portland burned the mortgage after having satisfied the Board of Church Extension loan on the present structure. The final payment of a little over $5,000 was made after a "Burn the Mortgage" campaign under the direction of Robert Nelson and the Stewardship and Finance Department.

Hubert E. Sias of First Church, Yakima, Washington, was the guest speaker. He was pastor of Mallory Avenue when the superstructure was built and the debt incurred. Charles H. Addleman, State Secretary of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society, was present and extended greetings and congratulations in behalf of the churches and agencies of the brotherhood.

NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE CRUSADERS MEET

Thirteen members of the Forest Grove Christian Church's Crusader Club met at the church on Friday evening, November 27. The Crusader's Club is organized for the purpose of supporting Northwest Christian College, encouraging young people to enter the ministry, and to encourage those who are attending the college. It also aims to educate the laymen of the church regarding the needs and plans of the College. Dues were accepted and refreshments were served. Mrs. Joy Calavan brought Northwest Christian College yearbooks from as early as 1941, which the group spent time looking through. Plans were laid for an active program for the coming year.

All dues collected go to the college to be used for current building projects. This money is above the amount regularly pledged by the church.

Any one interested in organizing a Crusaders Club in his local church should contact Mrs. Joy Calavan, President, or Mrs. Arnold Goff, Secretary, in care of the Forest Grove Christian Church.

THE SS IVERNIA, official ship for the going trip to the Edinburgh World Convention sailing from Montreal, July 22, 1960, offers excellent accommodations and fellowship to the 250-300 delegates expected to be on board. If you plan to travel aboard the IVERNIA, you will find it a significant part of your World Convention experience.

The High Cost of Alcohol

—by Robert A. Fangmeier

A few years ago Americans were startled by French Premier Mendes France, who drank official toasts with a glass of milk. This very un-French like behavior was the Premier's method of symbolizing a tragedy of significant proportions in his own country. The cost of alcohol, he was saying, was high for France. With the highest alcoholism rate in the world drinking was sapping the moral and physical strength of the nation.

No American of a stature comparable to that of the French Premier has as yet been able to dramatize the high cost of alcohol in the United States. But the cost is high. It is not easy to judge the spiritual deterioration or the erosion of moral values at the time these things are taking place in an individual or a nation. There are things which are measurable, however, that when added up create a moral and spiritual image. Some of these measurable things will give us an idea of the high cost of alcohol in our own lives and that of the nation.

There are now 5,015,000 alcoholics in the United States out of the estimated 56,900,000 adults who told the Gallup Poll that they drink. One out of every 12 drinking Americans is an alcoholic. Alcoholism is now six times more prevalent than cancer and claims 12 times as many victims as tuberculosis. In industry alcoholics lose $432 million a year in wages and about 352 man hours yearly or 22 working days. The National Council on Alcoholism, in reporting these facts, went on to say that "the costs of alcoholism to industry and business through absenteeism, faulty workmanship, and labor turnover is conservatively estimated at more than one billion dollars a year in this country."

Each year thousands of lives are lost through highway accidents. The National Safety Council in a move to stem the holiday slaughter on the highways reported early in December that 55 per cent of the Christmas season fatal traffic accidents involve a drinking driver. Over Labor Day week-end drinking-driving fatalities reach about 48 percent. Says the Council, "A drinking driver was involved in at least 30 percent of all fatal accidents during 1957". Moreover, 23 percent of adult pedestrians killed during 1957 had been drinking.

Another measurable alcohol cost is that to the taxpayer. One of the arguments for legalizing liquor has always been that by doing so the state benefits from tax revenues and bootlegging declines.

(continued **next** month)

New Goals for New Year Seen by—

OREGON CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

—by Mrs. Blewford Osburn

Christian Women's Fellowship in Oregon and sister states in the area, So. Idaho and Utah, have been busy as beavers winding up six months of activities (the first half of the 1959-60 fiscal year) and turning the pages of history into another exciting and challenging six months.

Women's Day is becoming a popular yearly event in the church calendar. It is not a time to eulogize women, nor is that the purpose, but it is a Sunday set aside to lay upon the hearts of the entire congregation the missionary imperative of the church: The Church is mission; the Christian is missionary.

OUR COMMITMENT

In light of the church's answer to the Great Commission, let us view briefly some statistics that show our real commitment. These figures are taken from the Social Action News letter and show how Americans spent their money:

67.4 billion for food
49.9 billion for war preparation
38.0 billion for housing
26.0 billion for clothes
11.5 billion for new & used cars
10.5 billion for gas and oil
9.2 billion for alcohol
6.4 billion for tobacco
4.8 billion for religious & private welfare activities

Only cosmetics, books and natural resource conservation have a lower percentage than religion, and that by a slim margin. Every Christian should take careful notice.

WORLD IN MINIATURE

The following article was also taken from the Social Action letter.

"If the present population of the world could be represented by a thousand persons living in a single town, 60 persons would represent the population of the U.-S.A. and 940 all the other nations. The 60 Americans would have half the income of the entire town; the 940 persons would share the other half. Three hundred and three persons in the town would be white; 697 would be non-white. The 60 Americans would have an average life expectancy of 70 years; that of the 940 would be under 40 years. The average Christian American family would be spending $850 a year for military defense, and less than $3.50 a year to share with other residents the knowledge of why they are Christians."

NEW GOALS

Oregon's Christian Women's Fellowship goal for others in 1959-60 is $41,475. The combined accepted goal increase of all local CWF's for same period is $40,-524.38, only $950.62 less than your state goal. We are convinced that this will be no problem. Women always rally to the need and 1959-60 will be no exception.

STUDENT FOUNDATION

Mrs. Ralph Schultz, Christian Women's Fellowship representative to the Oregon Christian Student Foundation, reports she has attended one meeting of the Foundation, and that interesting things are happening on the campuses of our colleges in regard to our students away from home. As interested women and mothers, we are urging our churches to put the Oregon Christian Student Foundation in the local church budgets. The maintenance of the Student Centers is the responsibility of the Christian Churches of Oregon.

IMPROVEMENTS at the Gleneden Beach Community Church have been undertaken by the young-people's group. Installation of the new sign seen in this picture and placement of the rock retaining wall (foreground) are two examples. Another activity, characteristic of the Christmas season, was caroling at the local rest homes and distribution of cookies provided by the church women. Marshall Combs is minister at the church.

Hann Reveals Progress on Convention Program

The Oregon Christian Convention program committee was named last September by the convention president, Jack Hann. This committee is composed of the following people: Mrs. Jack Naff of Madras; Harry Atkins of Dufur; Alger Fitch of Junction City; Roger Aydelott of Portland; and Clifford Trout of Portland, chairman.

This committee met at Mallory Avenue Christian Church the first of October and worked out the preliminary structure of the program, selected convention guest speakers and missionaries to be engaged, considered special features that would add interest and appeal, and the various details of programming. The convention theme is "Now Is the Hour," in keeping with the general theme of the Decade of Decision, and the convention scripture is John 4:23,35.

The program committee will meet again on January 12 in Eugene to complete numerous details of planning.

Youth Publishes Devotions

Make a suggestion and one gets an assignment. That's what happened to the CYF in Corvallis.

The assistant minister, James Dyson wrote to **Vision** magazine asking what happened to the devotionals. The editor wrote back suggesting that the local group try writing some devotionals with a deadline of September 21.

Subsequently in December, there appeared in **Vision,** meditations by Linda McMahan, Pat Ives, and Bev Kohler of the CYF and one by James Dayson. So they received by-lines and were paid for it too.

The editor, Guin Ream, considers the series a success. Therefore other groups may soon be asked to submit materials.

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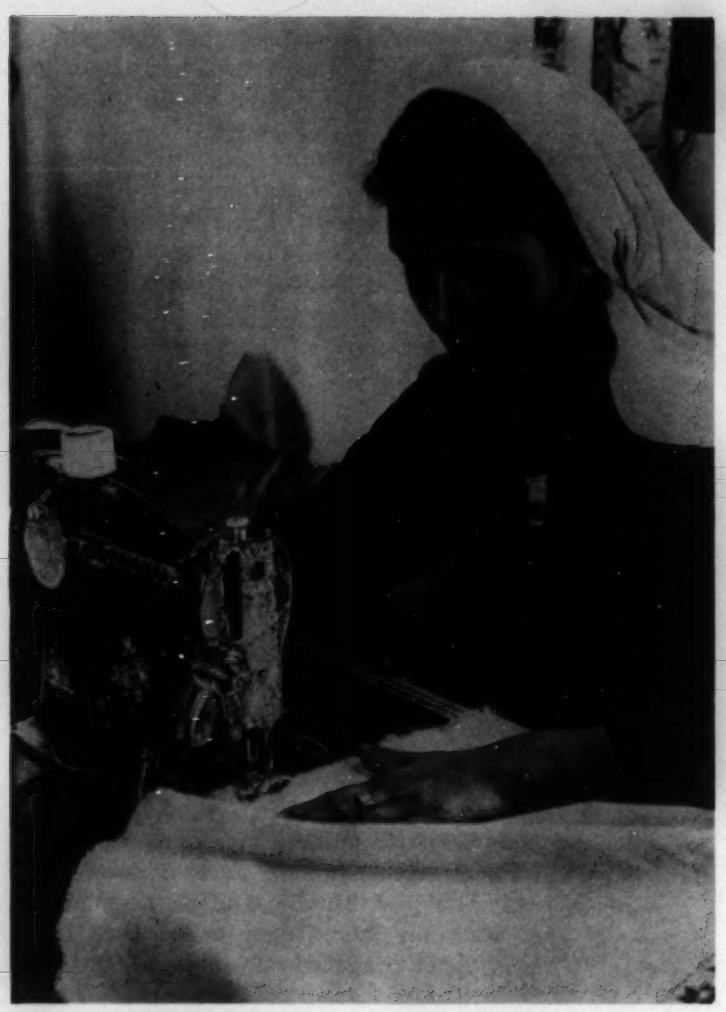

MIDDLE EAST: refugees are being trained to help themselves through handicraft cooperatives.

DISCIPLES "FRATERNAL WORKER" Willi children whose family was resettled in France

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USA: Chaplain Zimmerman as staff chaplain conducts conference with senior chaplains serving under him. U.S. Air Force photo

COMPASSION

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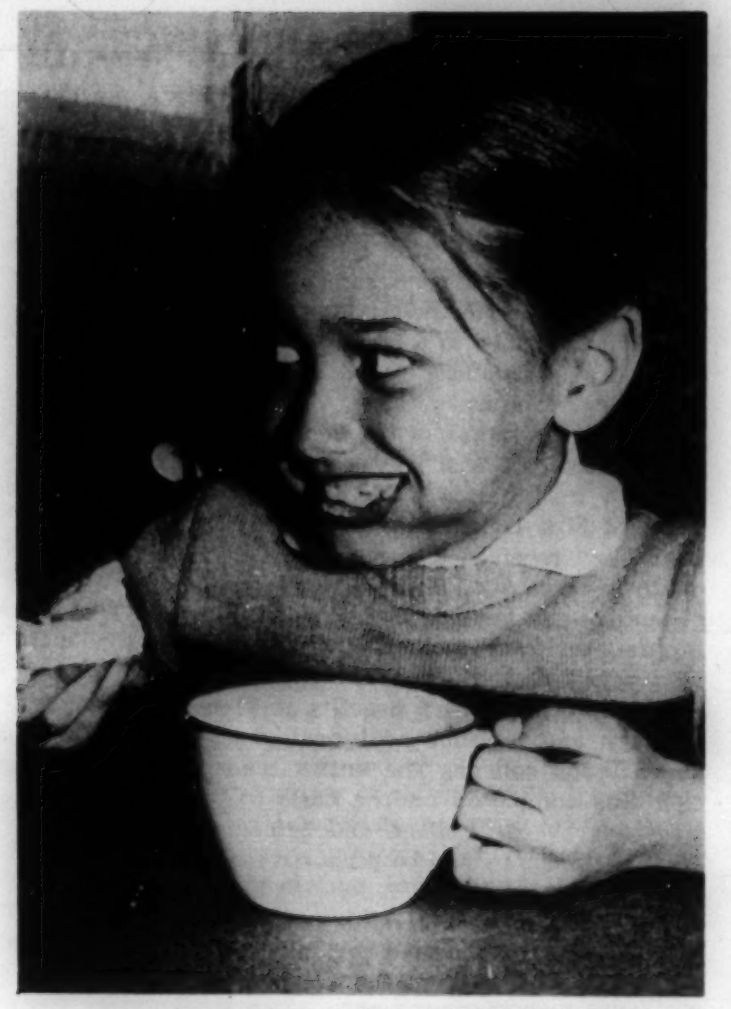
." William J. Nottingham and Albanian refugee
France with aid of CIMADE. WCC photo.



YUGOSLAVIA: share-our-surplus food makes possible school feeding programs.
CWS photo

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HONG KONG: many of the one million Chinese refugees live in conditions such as these. UN photo

PRACTICUM STAFF ANNOUNCED BY—

Northwest Christian College

—by Dr. Ross J. Griffeth

The death of Mrs. Ruth Daniels, Northwest Christian College Dining Room Superintendent at Northwest Christian College, who perished in a house fire at Lebanon, brought sadness to all of those on the College campus.

The quick response of the Pension Fund of Disciples of Christ was deeply appreciated. In less than a week following the death of Mrs. Daniels, the beneficiaries of her policy received a check covering the death benefits of $1,000, plus an additional sum in the amount of her salary during the previous fifteen months. Word was also received that her daughter Gail would receive support benefits until age eighteen and for four additional years if she attends college. The entire transaction was completed on the basis of notice sent by the College and before any legal documents could be prepared for the Pension Fund.

Mrs. Daniels had all of her affairs in fine shape. She requested that her daughter, Gail, be placed in the home of her daughter Joan Bullock and husband Roy. This certainly assured Gail a fine Christian home during her teen-age years.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Herbert Works, NCC senior, who is also pastor of the Irving Christian Church, Eugene, has led in the organization of a series of service projects for the students of the College. Each residential house group has assumed responsibility for some project. Included are such services as these: visiting in the homes for the aged; helping in the schools for mentally retarded children; visiting and reading to polio victims in the Eugene hospitals; helping various congregations with their work projects; assisting in the care of crippled children.

EDUCATION PRACTICUM

The Christian Education Practicum will be held January 25—February 5, 1960. Most sessions will be held in the First Christian Church of Springfield. Details concerning the hours of meeting for the sessions may be had upon request.

Classes scheduled for those interested in the various departments, together with the names of the teachers, are: Nursery —Mrs. Holly Jarvis; Kindergarten—Mrs. Steven Woodson; Primary (grades 1 and 2) Miss Loma Mae Jones; Junior B (grades 3 and 4)—Mrs. James Fraley; Junior A (grades 5 and 6)—Mrs. William Siefke. Miss Mabel Metze of the Department of Religious Education, U.C.M.S., will be Supervisor of the Practicum.

The Practicum is open to those not now on campus so long as there is room within the various classes.

ADVANCE CONTINUES

Progress is steadily being made on the ONE THOUSAND MILE ADVANCE in Quality Christian Education. Every dime received by the College advances the program another foot.

CARROL HORNER TAKES JOB WITH CLATSOP COUNTY

Carrol Horner has resigned as minister at Scio and accepted a full-time position as caseworker for the Clatsop County Public Welfare. He states that his future church work will consist of supply preaching through the state and work as layman in the Astoria Christian Church, where the Horners have taken membership. Their address is now 1161 Niagara Street, Astoria, Oregon.

State Conferences Will Launch Decade of Decision

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The launching of the "DECADE OF DECISION" for the 1960's of the Christian Churches will begin with a series of state training conferences during the spring and summer of 1960.

Some 70 conferences will be held in various areas throughout the nation beginning April 18 and running through the summer months. Purposes of the meetings are to advise local-congregation leaders of the general program and philosophy of the Decade of Decision.

Dr. Gaines M. Cook, executive secretary of the International Convention of Christian Churches, has announced that following the state conferences; national and state secretaries with the assistance of 1,500 additional ministers and laymen will conduct local church visitations. The latter part of this project should be completed by Oct. 15.

Thirty or so national secretaries and all state secretaries will be included in the groups which will travel to 4,500 individual churches to share information, explain, and assist local churches in initiating their own ten-year projects. Date and locations are still being formulated.

MONT SMITH, guest speaker at CYF Christmas banquet in Albany.

Albany CYF Banquet

Christmas as described in the carols is a time of sentiment, tradition, and fun for all of us, but it is not enough if we do not go on and connect the baby Jesus with the man. This was the thesis of a talk by Mont Smith, a high-school principal and pastor at Brownsville, to the Christian Youth Fellowship at Albany—First at their annual Christmas banquet, December 6. The theme for the evening, carried out in place cards, pink and silver decorations, and the program, was Christmas carols.

Jim Scott, president of the CYF, was master of ceremonies, introducing Gloria Newport who led the group in singing carols, accompanied by Alice Young. Gloria Newport, Royalyn Rodman, and Amanda Mark sang several numbers. Other numbers on the program were a Christmas reading by Pam Prinson, an accordion solo by Kelly Arnold, and a special solo by six-year old Rick Young.

Members of the Christian Women's Fellowship prepared the turkey dinner for some thirty-five CYF members plus several guests. Boys and girls from the Chi Rho group served the meal.

RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14, 1960

Race Relations Sunday is in the calendar of many Christian churches as an annual observance:

- to celebrate achievements in racial understanding;
- to examine behavior and attitudes towards persons of other races;
- to worship God in a felowship that includes all races;
- to seek God's continuing help in overcoming racial hatred and injustice, and discrimination.

News of the Christian Student Centers

DELEGATES from Corvallis to national conference include these students from foreign lands: left to right, Victor Bak Sung Kim, Jr., from Hawaii; Hija Pai, from Korea; and Bethuel Naubuga, from Uganda, Africa.

RICHARD FLOOD, CAMPUS MINISTER, CORVALLIS

By the time this column is printed, 8 of our students will have traveled to Athens, Ohio, and back for the 18th Quadrennial Conference on the Christian World Mission. Three of the students are from overseas: Hija Pai, from Korea; Victor Kim, from Hawaii; and Bethuel Nsubuga, from Uganda, Africa.

Students from the Center conducted a paper drive and have helped write letters for funds for the trip. Most of our support has come from local persons who were concerned that the students should have the opportunity to attend the conference.

Our group will travel on a special train with other students from the Northwest. There will be 42 students altogether from OSC.

Some of the typical questions that are being discussed are as follows: What is the mission of the church in this revolutionary world?
What is the meaning of "holy living" for Christians in a secular world?

Charles West, in the study book **Outside the Camp,** states that there is a responsibility which the individual Christian must carry alone for his actions in the midst of a world which on the whole is indifferent to the standards and truths in which he believes. "He comes together with other Christians in order to go out more effectively into this world. And when he does this he **is** the Church in the spot where he lives and works.

To be a Christian means to take one's responsibility on that spot—within the limits of one's given range of power and influence.

PAUL KOUIDIS of Athens, Greece, is the recipient of the international scholarship for 1959-60 at Eugene Christian House.

DULCINA ELLIOTT REPORTS FROM EUGENE CHRISTIAN HOUSE

Share - our - Surplus through Church World Service was the special Christmas sacrificial offering at the Eugene Christian House. "Surplus" refers to hoarded foods in our government granaries. Each dollar contributed takes over 300 pounds of this food to hungry people overseas.

New study areas for winter term will be "What Do We as Disciples Really Believe?", "My Philosophy of Life", and "The Life and Mission of the Church". The second subject is built around the interests particularly of older students, and will be a weekday-evening discussion group, using resource leaders. Student delegates to the Quadrennial Conference at Athens, Ohio, during Christmas vacation will be leaders of the last series of discussions. They are Ted Yamamori (Japan), Yung Kim (Korea), Oomen Abraham (India), Nicki Ross Donnell, Karen Gregg, Glen Hancock, and Marvin Schrom.

Religious Evaluation Week at the University of Oregon is January 24-28. The theme is "The Solution to Man's Predicaments" Sharon Anderson is working on the program.

January is calling month for Christian-church students in the Eugene area. Visitations will be set up by Harley Cook, evangelism chairman, and Mrs. Harold Taylor, representing married students. Married students officers for the current year are William and Doris Kanne, presidents, and Marta Firman, secretary-treasurer.

They have adopted a much-needed project — that of providing tables for Christian House. Dick Firman is project chairman, asssisted by Doug Fuller, and Ray Biggers. The group went caroling to shut-ins and institutions just before Christmas.

VOLUNTEERS FOR EVANGELISM

During the conferences on evangelism held in eight locations in the state in November under the auspices of the Commission on Evangelism of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society, 35 ministers signed a Volunteers for Evangelism Covenant, whereby these ministers offer their services to churches for leadership in some type of evangelism program. This is an effort on the part of the Evangelism Commission to give strong emphasis to evangelism in Oregon as we enter the Decade of Decision.

Any church desiring assistance in a program of evangelism may write Sherman Moore, state director of evangelism and church development, and he will suggest names of ministers who have volunteered such services.

The matter of setting goals in evangelism was also discussed in the conferences with much interest. There was general agreement that each church, through its committee on evangelism, should make a study of its evangelistic achievements during the past ten years as one basis for setting goals for the next ten years. Other factors to be considered in setting goals are population trends and potentials as revealed by the relation of church membership to population.

It was also agreed that annual goals should be set, taking into account not only the study as indicated above but also the results of a thoroughgoing effort to discover all available prospective members in the community.

The state director of evangelism has been making studies for the entire state, which, together with the local church goals, will be used as a basis for establishing state goals, both annual and long-range. Churches are urged to report their goals to the state office as soon as possible.

A total of 280 persons were in attendance at the eight conferences with representation from 63 churches. All phases of evangelism were considered with 46 ministers and three laymen giving leadership in the program.

Sherman B. Moore

GOING TO EDINBURGH?

Many are asking this question — how many will attend the Edinburgh World Convention from the United States and Canada? The answer is that there will be at least 1200 and possibly 1500 going by ship or plane to Edinburgh in 1960.

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McMINNVILLE: Twenty subscriptions to the **Oregon Christian** were obtained during the Conference on Churchmanship, from our congregation. More of our youth attended the Chi Rho and CYF World Fellowship youth meets than ever before. Special Thanksgiving observance, November 25, was well attended. We are looking forward to our second School of Missions, January 24 - Feb. 28. Ray Helseth, minister.

FOREST GROVE: Dr. Bixler held a Family Life Clinic here, November 13-15. Dr. Wayne Greene spoke at the stewardship dinner at which there was the signing of pledge cards. Union Thanksgiving service held here, with about 300 in attendance, on Thanksgiving Day. Fourteen attended the C.Y.F. World Fellowship Youth meet. Twelve attended the Chi Rho meet at Dallas. Elby Boosinger, minister. Jerry Davis, reporter.

EUGENE - BETHEL: One added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Our evangelism department has planned a church census for this area. Our finance department has set before us a challenging budget that will require the deepening of the commitment of us all. We have increased our mission commitment to 15 per cent of all income with the stipulation of another increase to twenty per cent during the year. Steve Fenn, minister.

PORTLAND - MULTNOMAH: Three added by transfer. Choirs presented a musical program the evening of December 23. The children's Christmas program was held the evening of December 20.

PENDLETON: Seven added by transfer. Eighteen Chi Rho young people and eight from C.Y.F. attended World Fellowship youth meets. Forward Together stewardship program progressing in spite of bad weather and holidays. New member reception, Dec. 10. Donald Payne, minister.

HARRISBURG: One added by transfer. Men's wild-game dinner held December 2, with 80 attending. Canned fruit sent to Northwestern Christian Home and Turner Memorial Home. More is being prepared for the summer youth camps. Vivian Blehm, reporter. Rex Jones, pastor.

WASCO: One added by baptism. Meeting held November 1-8, with Hervey Abercrombie and Marilyn Delin and Phyliss Specht helping with the music and young people. Average attendance was 40. W. R. Jones, minister.

NEWPORT: Held annual Christmas potluck dinner with gifts for Boise Children's Home, December 9. Mrs. Allen Horn, district 4 secretary of Christian Women's Fellowship, was Women's Day speaker. Wallace Prowell, minister.

PORTLAND - CENTRAL: One added by baptism, 16 otherwise. Our Sunday evening services, from 6-7:30 p.m., seem to hold up well with a record attendance of 181, December 6. Our choir presented the cantata, "A Song Unending." A Christmas Eve vesper service was held and our Bible-school program was held December 27. Mrs. Marion Eaton, reporter. Alvan L. Tiffin, minister.

OCEANLAKE: Our building is coming along slowly. The next need is money for the wiring. We are on the lookout for some folding chairs, if someone would like to donate some or sell at a low figure. Attendance is good and interest is high. This area is growing rapidly. We want to be ready to meet the challenge that is here. Richard Larson, minister.

REDMOND: Our annual Thanksgiving dinner was held Nov. 15, with 81 attending. Ladies of the Council held a bazaar and cooked-food sale, Dec. 4-5, which was very successful. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Burgess, long-time members, were honored at a reception, December 6, on their 50th wedding anniversary. The celebration was held at the Powell Butte Christian church. Mrs. T. H. Moody, reporter. Don Campbell, minister.

PORTLAND - SELLWOOD: Outside painting has been completed. The work was done by several of the members. D. D. Priest, ad interim pastor. **VERNONIA:** Four added by baptism, 1 otherwise. Robert Sargent, pastor.

TURNER: Three added by baptism. On December 6, a group from the Hillsboro church visited. House warming held at minister's new farm home. Attendance at prayer meeting is increasing. Earl Lyda, pastor.

ALBANY - FIRST: Our building-fund campaign dinner held at Eastside with 200 attending. William T. Pearcy, president of the Board of Church Extension, was speaker. Our campaign for building funds to date has passed the $40,000 mark. Twenty-nine young people attended CYF and Chi Rho meets. Five added by baptism. Lester Jones, pastor.

SALEM-LIBERTY: Annual election held December 6. Installation services held Jan. 3. New procedure of working between elders and committees is being well-received. Youth work is progressing well under the ministry of Ron Hansen. Don Stram, minister.

PORTLAND - PARKROSE: Two added by baptism. Appeal issued to newer members to take a course of study offered by Roger Aydelott, minister, on the subject of "What We Believe." Class will be conducted at the mid-week services, with special emphasis on the importance of prayer in the Christian life.

MADRAS: Ten added by baptism, 6 otherwise. Host to recent fifth-Sunday assembly for the churches of Central Oregon. James A. Fraley and Miss Hattie Mitchell were speakers with 140 in attendance. Our minister, Jack Naff, directed the World Fellowship Youth meet at Redmond. The men have begun month-

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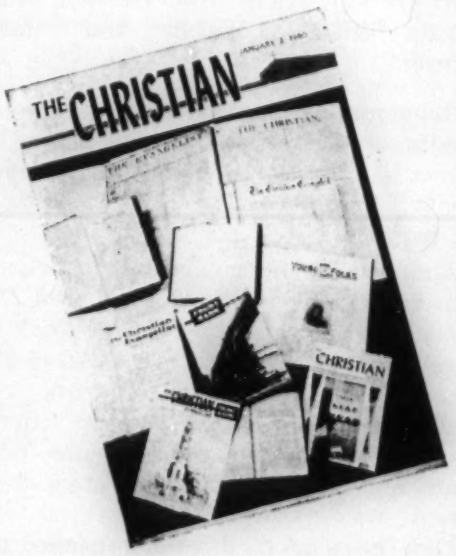

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ly breakfast meetings with considerable success.

SEASIDE: Two added by transfer. Work almost completed on sub-basement classrooms. Getting ready for every-member canvass in January. Wilbur R. Hensley, pastor. **BEAVERTON**: Six added by baptism, 3 otherwise. Tom Courtney, pastor.

NORTH BEND: Two added by baptism. Cantata, "Music of Christmas," presented by choir, December 20, with Mrs. Willis Senter, director. Christmas program held Dec. 20, followed with caroling by the youth group. Mrs. Clyde Warner was program director. Sixteen young people attended the CYF World Friendship meet at Coquille. A new membership director has been compiled and distributed to every family. Mrs. Charles Dennis, reporter. Len Fishback, pastor.

CORBETT: One reconsecration. Guy Armstrong pastor.

PORTLAND - SOUTHEAST: 4 added by transfer. Gene Chamberlain, minister.

MT. VERNON: Three added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Douglas Priest, pastor.

PORTLAND - SOUTHGATE: 4 added by baptism. Our first every-member canvass was a success in every way. Our 1960 budget was over-subscribed, representing an increase of over 40 per cent compared to current offerings. Attendance is up at all services, particularly the evening services. Dr. Guy J. Wright of NCC was here in January with his Bible display. Our Christmas program was extended over the entire month of Advent and drew an overwhelming response. Earle B. Van Slyck, minister.

CORVALLIS: Six added by baptism, 4 otherwise. CYF meet held here with 100 in attendance. CWF is having one of its best years in the history of the church. Loma Mae Jones, state director of Christian education, was speaker for Women's Day. Eight attended the conference on evangelism at Eugene. Plans are now complete for change-over to double sessions in church and church school. Thanksgiving Day service was well attended. Christmas vespers held December 20, when our choirs sang. Glyn B. Adsit, minister.

JUNCTION CITY: Union Thanksgiving service held. Offering taken was for a welcome sign to hang on all three highways leading in to town. Mrs. Alger Fitch was speaker for Woman's Day, with other women serving communion at church and to the shut-ins. It was also Scout day, with Bonnie Schneider receiving the God and Country award. Alger Fitch, pastor.

EUGENE - FIRST: Two added by statement, 10 student members. A conference on evangelism was held here November 24, with good turnouts at all meetings. A "Bible Literacy Quiz" was given all adults of the Sunday school, with interesting results. Mrs. Marion McQuary was our Woman's Day speaker, assisted by other women of the CWF in the service. The Sanctuary Choir, under the direction of Bill Steward, presented parts of Handel's "The Messiah", December 13, with Ruth Kistler, Roberta Clemmens, Bill Steward, and Darrel Welser taking the solo parts. The Chi Rho also took part. The CWF's Christmas project was "Seeds of Hope," through which they were able to join in shipping packages of seeds overseas for world refugee relief. Marion A. McQuary, minister. Helen Bingaman, reporter.

CRABTREE: Dr. Lawrence Bixler led congregation in a set-up meeting, Dec. 13, for a Christian Life institute, to be held here Feb. 12-14. Dr. Bixler was also guest speaker, Dec. 13. Donna M. Jackson, reporter. Robert Church, pastor.

MILWAUKIE: Three added by baptism, 6 otherwise. A dinner was held, November 19, in honor of all members who have joined our church family during 1959. Over 200 members, old and new, attended and a great fellowship was enjoyed by all. Special worship services were held Thanksgiving morning. They were well-attended and we hope to make this an annual event. Iris M. League, reporter. Ted Hurlburt, pastor.

PORTLAND - KERN PARK: Eight added by baptism, 7 otherwise. Nursery through adult classes participated with great enthusiasm in special Christmas activities such as caroling, programs, and dinners. On New Year's Eve, a watch-night party was enjoyed by all, closing with an inspiring devotional as we look forward to the new year. A Christmas cantata, "Night of Miracles," with living tableau of Christmas was presented December 17, under the direction of Mrs. Earl Busacker and Jerry Draper. Kenneth Johnston, minister.

MOLALLA: Four added by baptism. A new foundation has been put under the parsonage. The Fifth-Sunday rally of Clackamas County Christian churches was held here, Nov. 29, with over 100 in attendance for a potluck dinner and meeting. Fred Hatchell, pastor.

BAKER: Twelve added by baptism, 4 otherwise. Over $36,000 on hand toward a new building. Architect is now working on preliminary drawings. Plan to hold a golden-anniversary celebration for the church early in 1960. Joe Jewett, minister.

PORTLAND - FIRST: Three added by baptism, 15 otherwise. Harold Glen Brown, minister.

SALEM: Held annual Thanksgiving dinner in Fellowship Hall with about 400 served. Observed Woman's Day with Mrs. Walter Naff as guest speaker. Thirty-one youth attended the youth meets at Dallas and Portland. CWF held very successful annual tasting party. Annual Christmas program held Dec. 13 with youth from entire church taking part. Plans being made for New Year's Eve watch party and ski trip. We also have plans for a 24-hour prayer vigil, Jan. 1. Wayne Greene, minister.

MILTON-FREEWATER: Six added by baptism, 6 otherwise. Dean William Siefke of NCC shared the 1000 Mile Advance program with us, Nov. 15. Evenings of the week of November 15, Truman Robbins, minister, led the singing at a Spiritual Development program at Hermiston. Women's Day, Dec. 6, the speaker was Mrs. William Siefke, with the local women in charge, under the direction of Effie Ritchey. Pastor and wife took 2 young people to NCC preview at Eugene. Gene Mayberry, one of our former NCC students, brought the message, Nov. 15.

TILLAMOOK: Observed 70th anniversary, Dec. 13, with special program, reception following morning service, and a history of the church compiled for the occasion. A former pastor, Elmer Patterson, who ministered here in 1903, was present. CWF busy sending packages and cookies to all our students, service men and those in full-time Christian work from this congregation. Special Christmas programs were presented each Sunday in December. Pastor, Dr. Aldis L. Webb, spoke at the 75th anniversary of the Medford Christian church.

HALFWAY: We are in our third month of ad-interim ministry here. Bible school and church attendance above that of a year ago. Gave the Thanksgiving message at the high-school assembly. Have made many improvements around the church and parsonage. A new bulletin board has been placed on the outside of the church. Bible-school attendance contest with Richland is being planned. Have had 3 weeks: Alva N. Fisher, pioneer druggist funerals, of early settlers, in recent for Halfway, Mrs. Lulu Roninson and Mrs. Anna Bell Gross. Arthur A. Harriman, minister.

THE DALLES: Mrs. David Worden, wife of our assistant minister, was Women's Day speaker, Dec. 6. Annual Elders' retreat was held at Wi-Ne-Ma with Bill Morse, Sr., as guest leader. A deacons' dinner was held, with David Worden as speaker. Mrs. Darnielle received honorable mention in LOOKOUT for her 51 years of teaching. A number of our ladies have been helping in the new mid-Columbia Home here. H. Harold Johnson, minister.

MEDFORD: Five added by baptism, 1 otherwise. The Leet campaign was a great success, Nov. 25 - Dec. 6. The attendance was good, with 447 attending the final victory-day services. Wm. C. Piper, minister.

HOOD RIVER: Six added by statement. Eight attended the Conference on evangelism. We have high hopes that our new neighborhood-organization plan will help to integrate new members and keep all members active. We are depositing $500 a month with Board of Church Extension toward our building fund. The Southern Baptist group has made a cash offer for our present property, and board chair-

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man Ernest Barclay has been authorized by the congregation to appoint a committee to negotiate with them. CYF had a spaghetti dinner for their parents, with Paul Short leading a discussion on the filmstrip, "Built upon the Rock." Jim Edwards, minister, was hospital chaplain the week of November 29.

DALLAS: School of missions begun January 10. The World Outreach Committee spent six months planning for this study of Africa. Mrs. H. E. Dashiell is the director. The senior-high youth raised money for needy families by making and selling name plaques to church families. The junior-high youth raised money for the Children's Farm Home in Corvallis. The Christmas program "The Holy Night" was presented Dec. 20 under the direction of Mrs. H. O. Stapleton. Philip Wolfe, minister.

GRANTS PASS: Three added by baptism, 4 otherwise. Visitation-evangelism crusade conducted, Dec. 6-13, under the leadership of James Cornett, chairman of evangelism committee. Annual bazaar sponsored by CWF held Dec. 4. Thirty-one youth and adults attended WFYM in Coquille. Youth presented living tableaus of Christmas nativity scenes for public on church lawn during Christmas week. CWF members led worship service for Woman's Day, Dec. 6, with Mrs. Maxine Ackers of Aberdeen, Washington, as guest speaker. Plans are being made to serve as host church for state CYF commission. Robert L. Neal, minister.

LEXINGTON: We had a successful Woman's Day program, with the ladies handling the whole service, with Phyllis Nolan as speaker. The evening service was the showing of the movie, "King of Kings," with a large crowd. Dec. 5, the women had a successful bazaar. The women plan church improvements with the money raised. On Dec. 13, a record church-school attendance was present, 83. Christmas program held Dec. 20. Walter Smith, pastor.

LEBANON: District Men's meeting, with Jim Fraley as speaker, Nov. 23. Dr. Griffeth and the NCC quartet presented the 1000 mile program of advance, Dec. 6. Woman's Day speaker, Dec. 13, was Hattie Mitchell, who also spoke at the annual CYF Christmas tea. Christmas program, with emphasis on NBA, held Dec. 20, during church-school hour. Choir cantata at evening service, Dec. 20. Verna Stitt, reporter. David W. Nutting, pastor.

COQUILLE: One added by baptism, 2 otherwise. On Nov. 10, a meeting was held here for the organization of an Area Council of Churches. Dr. Ross Griffeth of NCC was speaker. Youth meet was held here with over 100 in attendance. 4 of our youth attended the NCC preview. We are making plans for a calling campaign to start the first of the year. We are planning a School of Missions to start in February. Our Christmas program, "Who Helps Make Christmas?", was held Dec. 13, under the direction of Mrs. Tom Stevens. Our Christmas cantata was held Dec. 20, with the choir dressed in new robes. Flossie Wolgamott, reporter. Orris L. Doty, minister.

VIA INDONESIA, VIA HOLLAND
THE VAN GENTS OF CORVALLIS

—by Glyn Adsit

"All of them were strangers, but it seemed just like our own family waiting there at the airport." These words must have been the feeling of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelis van Gent and their five children, Ronald, Wijnand, Linda, Yvonne, and Margaretha, as the family was met December 22 by the welcoming committee of the Corvallis Christian Church. The weary newcomers, Dutch refugees from Indonesia, had just flown in from the Netherlands, their interim haven.

The Fireside Sunday School class of the Corvallis Church had wanted to bring over a family from Europe for some time. They thought they had one family all lined up, but the health of the family forced them to cancel out.

Recently the class was approached by the Disciples of Christ Refugee Resettlement Committee, which is supported by the Week of Compassion Funds and Church World Service. The Committee asked the Fireside class if they would be interested in sponsoring a refugee family of 7 persons from Indonesia via Holland. The class approached the Church Board and asked that the Church act as sponsoring Agent. The Church Board was unanimous in its opinion that this should be done. As soon as the committee machinery of Church World Service could go into action, we received a brochure with pictures of our family with pertinent information about them.

Mr. Cornelis van Gent went to Indonesia in 1939. He married there, worked for the Dutch Government, and raised five children, ranging in age from 9 to 3 at the present time. Because of the Nationalist uprising in Indonesia the family was forced to return to Holland in July of 1957 and has been there since that date. He was very anxious to make a new start in the United States. Our sponsorship of their coming to the United States has made this possible.

To be a sponsor a church must guarantee that the family brought to the States will be provided a home in which to live, a job that will enable the man, or wife, or both, to get on their feet as fast as possible. The transportation for those coming from Holland is paid for by the Dutch Government, and CWS pays the transportation from New York to the point of destination.

The Corvallis Church agreed to accept the terms of sponsorship. Publicity was given to the church and the various organizations as to the needs of this family of seven. A suitable house with six rooms and bath was found. The members of the congregation gave enough used furniture, except for a few pieces which were loaned, to completely furnish the place. The kitchen cabinets were stocked with foods, spices, silverware, pots and pans, dishes, towels, etc., everything needed to start housekeeping.

A food shower was held on Sunday, December 13. Enough food was received to last for a month or two. The only items not collected was clothing. It was thought best to wait and see just what the sizes of the members of the family were. Plans are made to buy necessary items of clothing.

The CYF of the local church set up a Christmas tree and decorated it. Presents for each member of the van Gent family were under the tree at Christmas time.

The task of finding a suitable job for Mr. van Gent was formidable. His brochure stated that he had experience in "sheet-metal" work, and in "carpentry." A sheet-metal firm in Corvallis agreed to hire Mr. van Gent at the going rate for such work. Thus, the needs of the family are cared for: a house in which to live, items to make living a little easier, a job —as a starter to get the family on their own feet.

In this effort, our church has felt a new sense of unity and purpose. We have discovered that such an endeavor is easily accomplished. We intend to sponsor other families within a few months. We encourage other Christian churches to lend such needy families a helping hand. We guarantee you that you will receive more than you give.

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